



General Assembly

January Session, 2005

**Substitute Bill No. 1239**

\* SB01239PH 040405 \*

**AN ACT CONCERNING COLLABORATIVE TREATMENT PLANS FOR PERSONS WITH PSYCHIATRIC DISABILITIES.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 17a-542 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2005*):

3 (a) Every patient treated in any facility for treatment of persons with  
4 psychiatric disabilities shall receive humane and dignified treatment at  
5 all times, with full respect for [his personal] the patient's dignity and  
6 right to privacy.

7 (b) Each patient shall be treated in accordance with a specialized  
8 treatment plan suited to [his] the patient's disorder. Such treatment  
9 plan shall: [include]

10 (1) To the extent practicable, (A) be prepared through the  
11 participation of the patient, the counselor or staff person with primary  
12 responsibility for documenting and monitoring the treatment plan, any  
13 family member whose participation is consented to by the patient and  
14 any other health care provider participating in the patient's treatment  
15 at the facility, and (B) be signed by the patient; and

16 (2) Include a discharge plan which shall include, but not be limited  
17 to, [(1)] (A) reasonable notice to the patient of [his] the patient's

18 impending discharge, [(2)] (B) active participation by the patient in  
19 planning for [his] the patient's discharge, and [(3)] (C) planning for  
20 appropriate aftercare to the patient upon [his] the patient's discharge.

21 (c) If a patient is an adult with a conservator or is a minor child, the  
22 provisions of this section shall apply to the conservator or to the  
23 guardian of the child.

24 (d) The Commissioner of Public Health shall adopt regulations, in  
25 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, for purposes of this  
26 section.

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| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: |                 |         |
| Section 1   | October 1, 2005 | 17a-542 |

**PH**            *Joint Favorable Subst.*